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POLYMERASE FROM  
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Group Art Unit: 1652

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4453AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.121Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Please amend the specification by adding the Abstract, enclosed herewith, after the Claims. Applicant submits that the Abstract is identical to the Abstract of International Application No. PCT/EP97/05393, to which the instant application claims priority. The Abstract therefore contains no new matter, and entry thereof is respectfully requested.

Applicants believe that no fee is due for this amendment. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees associated with the submission of the enclosed formal drawing to Pennie & Edmonds LLP deposit account number 16-1150. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,


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